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STATE DEFINITION OF A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION

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The Maine Medical Assistance Program may enter into risk contracts only with those health maintenance organizations that meet the definition of such an organization as described below.

A health maintenance organization must:

- a) make its services available to Medicaid enrollees to the same extent that they are available from other sources to nonenrolled Medicaid recipients in the organization's service area;
- b) make provisions satisfactory to the State against the risk of insolvency and assure that Medicaid recipients will not be responsible for the health maintenance organization's debts if it becomes bankrupt;
- and c) holds a valid Certificate of Authority granted by the Maine Department of Business Regulation, Bureau of Insurance, authorizing the operation of a prepaid health care plan as a Health Maintenance Organization and be organized primarily for the purpose of providing health care services.

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